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1. A Soviet naval force of approximately 150 men is stationed at the lighthouse at Chongjin (129-49, 41-46). The lighthouse was formerly guarded jointly by soldiers of the People's Army and Soviets, but a Soviet order on 1 September 1949 ended North Korean participation in the guard duty.

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2. After the arrival of the Soviets, ships were prohibited from sailing within a distance of 5 kilometers from the lighthouse. In March 1950, Soviet ships laid 6 mines at intervals of 2 kilometers, at a distance of 5 kilometers from the lighthouse. Ships are also prohibited from sailing in the harbors of Najin (130-15, 42-10), Songjin ( 129-12, 40-40) and Chongjin at night.\*
3. On 20 September 1949, two Soviet submarines surfaced in the vicinity of the Chongjin lighthouse and photographed the harbor installations.\*\* Soviet ships have been reported leaving the harbor of Chongjin once every three or four days since September 1949, usually carrying construction materials.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment: The utilization of the ports of Najin and Chongjin by the Soviets has been previously reported. Ten Soviet ships per day were reported entering and leaving the harbor at Chongjin; see [REDACTED] 25X1A

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\* [REDACTED] Comment: For additional information concerning the use of Chongjin harbor by Soviet submarines, see [REDACTED] 25X1A

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